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THURSDAY EVENING, JULY 25.

NORAH CUSHALEEN

OR THE
HAUNTED CASTLE.

CHAPTER II.—THE PAST—THE DEED DONE.

There was only one person of whom he could seek counsel, and that was Dennis Morgan, the old and tried servant of the family, in whose discretion and devotion he had the utmost confidence. So he took Dennis to his own room one day and told him all. An earthquake could not have given the old man a greater shock. The honour of the family of Blantire was the most sacred thing in his eyes, and must be maintained at whatever sacrifice. Dennis was not naturally cruel or hard-hearted, but in the case of his master's house he was ready to sacrifice either himself or any other person. So Dennis at once, and with vehemence, declared that the marriage must never be divulged, and that Norah must be taken to some safe and secret place, to prevent all danger from her indiscretion. The spot fixed on was an old deserted ruin on the neighbouring mountain called Dundarra Castle. It had formerly been the residence of the Ormonds of Dundarra, in those rude days when it was of the utmost importance to live in a place of strength; but when quieter times came, a mansion was built in the valley, in the centre of the fertile portion of the estate, and the castle was left to decay. A few weeks after Norah's child was born, Malvrin proposed that she should retire to this seclusion, and avoid the misery and unhappiness into which she was now plunged; and he buoyed her up with the hope that he would soon be able to claim her openly and take her to his own house.

Poor confiding girl, she believed him, and consented to be taken by Dennis to the solitary ruin on the mountain. Her departure with the child was so arranged that every one believed that she had in her despair cast herself into the Black Pool—her shawl was even found on its black and sedge margin. So Michael Cushaleen believed his daughter to be dead, and he was now a lonely and a stricken man. Dennis Morgan had a deep purpose to serve by getting this idea into the minds of the residents at Dundarra. He had already conceived the necessity of murdering Norah, and now the deed could be done safely, as soon as he could prevail on Malvrin to consent. In accomplishing this the old man had no great difficulty. The deed once proposed, was responded to by certain thoughts and desires in the youth's mind. The truth was, he wished to get rid of Norah and marry Mary Kendal, a rich heiress, and only daughter of a neighbouring proprietor. So the counsel of the old man prevailed, and we have seen Malvrin come to the castle to assist in the cruel and heartless crime.

After a long, painful, jolting ride, accomplished almost in perfect silence, they reached the brow of the cliffs, which overhung the sea. Here they came to a stand still, and Malvrin, leaping from the saddle, helped Norah to alight, for the winding path down to the base of the rock was only for foot passengers.

"But who will take charge of your horse?" asked Norah, holding firm by him, for the wind was almost strong enough to blow her away.

"I appointed some one to come for it," stammered Malvrin. "Come," he added, taking her arm; to the beach. The boat waits us."

Norah thought he spoke in tones strangely hoarse, but the shrieking of the winds mingling with his words might have caused this impression, and she silently suffered herself to be led down the declivity, holding carefully the sleeping burden under her shawl.

Dennis followed close behind, coming readily with heroic but mistaken devotion to his own death.

A fearful sea rolled upon the outer rocks, and came boiling in white broken water to the base of the precipice. In a sheltered recess, which the full tide had just reached, lay a little boat, with a pair of oars at the bottom. Dennis went forward, and unhooking the chain that held it, stepped in and took up the oars.

"Now," said the old man, with perfect calmness.

Malvrin lifted Norah in, and told her to sit on a bench facing Dennis. She obeyed, and fancied that her husband had taken his seat behind her at the helm.

Dennis plied his oars, and the boat went forth upon the surging sea.

For a time Norah sat quiet and silent, but as they made their way into the open expanse, where the tempest blew in all its fury, and the billows rolled on like mountains chasing each other, she grew terrified, for the boat was tossed up and down upon the water with fearful violence.

"Oh! Malvrin, do you think we are safe?" she at last asked.

There was no reply.

"Malvrin," she repeated in a louder voice.

Still there was no response, and she looked round—the stern of the boat was empty.

A wild piercing shriek burst from her lips.

"Dennis, Dennis?" she shrieked, "he is gone! He has fallen into the sea!"

"Is it Master Malvrin you mean?" inquired Dennis.

"Yes, yes! he is lost! Turn Dennis turn: we may save him yet!"

"Do you love Master Malvrin, Norah avick?" asked Dennis in tones of emotion.

"Love him?" she screamed. "Oh! why do you ask? For the love of heaven turn and save him!"

"You love him," he repeated.

"Better than life," she replied. "Oh! turn back, turn back!"

"Master Malvrin is not in the way, returned Dennis, in the same deep, agitated tone. "He never came into the boat."

"What—what—what mean you?" she breathlessly inquired. "Never in the boat?"

"No, my poor colleen. Master Malvrin is by this time away down the mountains to his purty home at Blantire Castle."

Norah was struck with amazement.

"And where are we going?" she asked, bending towards him a face of fear and horror.

"Norah," said Dennis, in a broken voice, "I hope you would, the blessed truth

when you said that you loved the master better nor life. If you do that, then you'll not refuse to die for him?"

"Die for him?" echoed Norah. "In God's name, Dennis, tell me what you mean?"

"I will Norah, avick; yes, I will. If Master Malvrin doesn't marry a rich wife, he's a ruined man, and the black shame comes over the house of Blantire. You are not rich, alana, and this night you will save the master by gettin' a nice bed at the bottom uv the say, and your sowl and the purty sowl uv your boy will go to glory."

"You—you—don't mean it!" faltered the poor girl, her pale bloodless face peering at him through the darkness.

"You have not brought me here to murder me—and my innocent boy?"

"I'll die wid you, Norah, avick, and maybe when you get to glory you'll spake to the Veeha-vaugha about the sowl uv poor old Dennis?"

"Oh, mercy, mercy, Dennis!" she screamed, in wild distraction. "You have not the heart to do such a cruel deed."

"Blessin's on you for the thought!" cried Dennis, weeping now like a child. "Sure, and if I could have saved you, I would have died for ye both. But there's only one way to save the honour of the house of Blantire. Say a prayer, Norah, avick, for sure the boat will be down wid us in a minute."

And as he spoke, Dennis bent down and took out two large plugs in the bottom of the boat. The water rushed in with a gurgling sound, and soon rose from their feet to their knees. Norah felt it, and with a wild scream, which rose above the noise of the tempest, she snatched her infant to her bosom.

Higher and higher came the water, and lower and lower sunk the boat. At length a furious wave struck it, and it went down—down—down, and Dennis and Norah sunk into the depths of the sea.

TO BE CONTINUED.

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NOTICE.

ALL parties are warned against negotiating for a note drawn in favor of John C. Burwell for the sum of twenty-five dollars (\$25), as I have received no value for the said note. The note was drawn at one year, from 31st May, 1867. HUGH BLACK. 3in

Watch Stolen.

STOLEN from the subscriber on Monday, at 10 o'clock, from his Boarding House, a Silver Watch, in plain case with silver guard chain, of Liverpool make. Any information that will lead to its recovery, or the apprehension of the thief, will receive a reward of \$10. ROBERT BROWN, Post Office Store. Guelph, July 24, 1867. d2

MARE FOR SALE.

FOR SALE for cash or credit, a mare rising 4 years old; also a Light Waggon, and a set of Single Harness. Apply to G. A. Bruce, Guelph Carriage Works, or to the proprietor. FRANK J. SCHATZ. Guelph, 24th July, 1867. d3w1

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On Monday, the 29th of July.

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NOTICE to SOLDIERS Discharged from the U. S. Army.

BRING your Discharge Papers to the Undersigned, and you will hear of something to your advantage. JOHN JACKSON, Exchange Broker, opposite Market House. Guelph, May 23, 1867. 709-3m

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FOR sale, a valuable lot on the main street, in the village of Hanover, on the Durham Road, with a Blacksmith's Shop, 24x36 ft., and a Dwelling House attached 18x24 ft. Will be sold cheap, and on reasonable terms. The owner being a wagonmaker would like to sell to a good blacksmith. For particulars apply (post-paid) to JAMES C. CLARK, Hanover P. O. July 18th, 1867. (3m)

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HORSES STOLEN.

STOLEN from the premises of the Subscriber, on the night of Sunday the 21st inst., a span of Horses, one bay, with white strip on nose; stands about 15 hands high, and is six years old; the other a dappled-grey horse, 5 years old; about 16 hands high and interferes on the hind legs. Also, stolen at the same time, a set of harness and a sheepskin. Any person giving such information as will lead to the recovery of the above mentioned property will be handsomely rewarded. DAVID SANDFORD, Lot 11, Con. 10, Erin. July 23, 1867. d6 w4

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